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The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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г	Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	13	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	3	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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